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BOARD APPROVES REGULATIONS RELATED TO ASSESSMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its regular meeting on Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard discussions and made decisions on a variety of items.

The board heard an overview of Kentucky's request for a waiver from the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, also known as No Child Left Behind). The board also heard an update the Common Statewide Teacher and Principal Professional Growth and Effectiveness System.

The board gave final approval to state regulation 703 KAR 5:070 (Inclusion of special populations in the state-required assessment and accountability programs). Revisions to this regulation include removal of specific accommodations previously allowed during testing of reading and mathematics.

The board also gave final approval to 703 KAR 5:240 (Accountability definitions and procedures), the new state regulation providing administrative guidance and reporting processes for the state's new accountability system. The board approved the repeal of several assessment and accountability regulations that are replaced by 703 KAR 5:240:

- 703 KAR 5:001, Assessment and accountability definitions
- 703 KAR 5:020, The formula for determining school accountability
- 703 KAR 5:040, Statewide Assessment and Accountability Program; relating accountability to A1 schools and A2-A6 programs
- 703 KAR 5:050, Statewide Assessment and Accountability Program; school building appeal of performance judgments
- 703 KAR 5:060, Interim assessment and accountability process
- 703 KAR 5:130, School district accountability
- 703 KAR 5:160, Commonwealth Accountability Testing System administration procedures

The board also gave final approval to state regulation 704 KAR 5:070 (Common kindergarten entry assessment), which will provide data on students' readiness for learning and success in kindergarten.

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The board also took the following actions:

- gave final approval to 703 KAR 5:140 (Requirements for school and district report cards)
- approved the Legislative Agenda for the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly
- agreed to support the Kentucky Environmental Literacy Plan in conjunction with the implementation of next-generation science standards
- approved the request from the Fayette County Board of Education for a waiver of the timeline requirements for the leadership assessment set forth in 703 KAR 5:180, Section 2(1) and Section 3(1) and approval of the waiver for other districts in similar circumstances
- approved the request for a waiver of 702 KAR 5:060 Section 6(2) from the Ft. Thomas Independent school district to transport students using certified common carriers
- approved district facilities plans for the Barren County and Science Hill Independent school districts
- approved 2011-2012 local district tax rates levied
- certified the Facility Unmet Needs Report
- approved the Perry County school district's plan for land acquisition with a forbearance agreement

The board heard reports and had discussions on a variety of items:

- *Digital Learning 2020: A Policy Report for Kentucky's Digital Future*
- a new restraint and seclusion regulation
- amendments to 704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Bylaws
- KHSAA Annual Reporting Requirements as required by 702 KAR 7:065

The Kentucky Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012, in Frankfort.

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